NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1903.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FLOODS THREATEN DESTRUCTION IN LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.





VIEW FROM RAILROAD TRACKS AT MEMPHIS, TENN Showing how the water has risen above the doorsteps of some of the homes near the river. Farmers in the lewlands south of Memphis are moving with their stock to places of safety.

SCENE IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARK Where the waters are rushing around the end of the St. Francis River levee system. There is a gap seventee miles wide in the levee at this point. The country is low and an embankment has never been built.

Leading Topics in To-Day's Republic.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:34 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:59. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORN-ING AT 3:20.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS-MAY

WHEAT 69%c BID; MAY CORN 41941%c. CHICAGO — MAY WHEAT 74,071%c ASKED; MAY CORN 174c ASKED. WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity-Fair and

For Missouri-Fair Sunday, cooler in southeast; fair Monday. For Iffingis-Fair and colder Sur

days Monday fair. For Eastern Texas-Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair and warmer.

For Western Texas-Fair Sunday and

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GAP IN LEVEE HAS FLOODED TWO COUNTIES IN ARKANSAS.

Many Farmers in the Lowlands Near the Mississippi, South of Memphis, Are Leaving Their Homes and Fleeing to Higher Ground for Safety-Most of the Embankments Are Holding, but the Water Creeps Higher and Higher Every Day.

WOMEN OF MEMPHIS ARE ORGANIZING PLANS FOR RELIEF WORK

Instead of improving, the flood situation seems to be growing more gloomy

Weather Bureau predictions are that there will be a steady rise of two feet by to-morrow night.

ains, appreaching to cloudbursts in some sections, promise to send it much higher. ever, is near Baton Rouge, where the engineers fear they will not have time to make the needed repairs.

Vicksburg Weather Bureau has sent out a warning to the public. At Memphis the water has reached the lower floor of some of the houses near the river, and a slight rise would flood many homes. If the spring rains should set in now, it is said, thousands would be drowned in a disastrous fic

In Texas the Trinity and Brazos are on a rampage, doing considerable damage, delay-

ing traffic and drowning several thousand head of stock.

counties of Lee and Crittenden, in Arkansas. are overflowed. state that many farmers and dwellers in

the lowlands have left their homes with

present danger of these artificial mounds of earth being undermined is increasing. News from the upper river and from the streams tributary to the Mississippi are anything but reassuring. Heavy rains have sent many of the anniler streams out of their banks, and a large volume or water in

neasee rivers. At this point, the railroads have begun from the effects of an overflow.

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years at the cittee mentioned: 1832—At Cairo, 51.8 on Pebruary 25; at Memphia 22.8 on April 3; at Helena, 47.1 on

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April 4. 1886—At Cairo, 49.8 on April 6; at Mem-phis, 87.8 on April 12; at Helena, 49.1 on These figures show that the stage here has already exceeded the flood year of 1882, 1884 and 1882, and has practically equaled those of 1883, 1890 and 1893. It is rapidly approaching the high figures recorded in

asy and 1886, and there are those who be-

READY FOR RELIEF Gathering from reports that are coming to them from various quarters that their services are likely to be needed, the good ladies of the Alden Sunshine Society are making preparations to care for the sufferers who will be driven from their homes by the ravaging floods. Captain Couch of the steamer C. H. Organ, from many years experience, believes that there will be more suffering from the waters this year than at any time in the history of this section, and has so advised the society.

for the inhabitants along the Lower Mississippi.

The slight fall which was noticed at Memphis Friday was checked yesterday, and the

Heavy rains over the Upper Mississippi Valley have caused all small streams to leave

The Ohio River is higher than it has been since the great flood of 1884, and the genera the levees have been carefully watched. The only levee where alarm is felt so far, how-

Inhabitants of the lowlands are moving out all along the Mississippi and transferring

The heavy rains in Missouri and Kansas swept away several bridges and washed out

Memphis, Tenn., March 7.—The water has society it will make trips on the boats and been pouring through an unfinished gap in distribute the necessaries of life to those the St. Francis levee for two days and the limit the level has been robbed of all they have for most history has come that there were the state of the latter has a second that there were the state of the latter has been robbed or the latter has been robbed past history has snown that these unfortu-nates are sorely in need of assistance as Reports from points south of Memphis brought to Memphis.

DABNEY HOPEFUL While the general opinion is one of grave apprehension, there are those who believe

The river creeps stealthly toward the that the danger has been exaggerated, among them being Major T. G. Dabney, chief engineer of the Yazoo-Missizsippi Delta Levee District, who writes from Clarksdale, Miss., under date of March 4, naying:
The very extravagant expressions relating to

country below Memphis, that "the water is lap-ping at the top of the lovees and running over in streamlets," etc., while the truth is that along the entire length of the levee lines in this sure that the present stage is not less than five feet below the lowest of that line.

The river at this writing is three feet below The river at this writing is three feet below extreme high water at Mempais, and seven and one-half feet below at Helena. With the levess much higher and stronger now than ta., were in 1887, the sureading of so much slarm, at present river conditions is palpably absurd. The people who live along the leves lines in this district are paying no attention to the present river stage, except a few newcomers, who have taken some panic from the newspapers and think there must be danger somewhere, though none is ap-

ing.

i believe the probabilities are in favor of a maximum stage of water this season, though the water has not yet fallen from the clouds that is to produce it.

BANKS ARE RAISED. Captain E. C. Van Lucas, Chief of the Corps of United States Engineers, has been corps of United States Engineers, has been at Caruthersville since Wednesday, overseeing the work that is in progress on the new levee under construction at a point near the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas, At this place the condition of the levee is sufficiently dangerous to cause the people residing in that locality much alarm.

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The coming great rise is likely to work direful results there, and the work on the embankments is being pushed with the utmost dispatch. The frequent and heavyy rains during the past two weeks have greatly hindered the progress of the work and the forces of workmen have been greatly increased to meet the exigencies of days since. There is no immediate danger of an overflow, but the condition of things after the "big boom" strikes the weak places in the old levee is hard to foresee.

The most optimistic of the engineers will not say that the situation is safe. They say that the levees are in no danger at present, but the result of the rise will bring SHORT SIGHTED POLICY.

"If the St. Francis levee board had had funds during the past year all of this could have been averted," said a prominent engineer today. "The board asked the last Legislature of Arkansas which was in session two years ago for an appropriation to build this strip of levee, but it was refused. It was estimated that the cost of the work would approximate \$250,000. During the present session of the Legislature the appropriation was granted but it is too late now to begin the construction of a levee. Had the funds been available during the last session the State would have here saved wore than the contraction. have been saved more than the cost of the levee in this year alone. But the people are not unreasonably dissatisfied, because they appreciate the position of the levee board, which has done the best it can, and year and take the brightest view of the sit-

fer with the engineers in charge of the levee work, and will enter into contracts with certain parties to furnish such sup plies that are needed for the present sit uation, as well as for emergency cases. He will make frequent trips to Memphis from time to time during the flood period and keep in close touch with the St. Francis River leves situation all along the course. River commerce has been seriously affected by the flood, the stage of which is so high that many of the landings have to be passed up altogether, while at some the fraight is denosited from the packets to freight is deposited from the packets rafts which are "polled" to the place deposit and the freight discharged. T people are all leaving the island in the river below Memphis. Cat Island is said to be almost completely inundated, and its dwellers have long since "lit out for the

high places."

At other landings the river steamers stop against giant trees apparently standing in the middle of the river, and the freight is deposited in skiffs and rowed to the shore, unless it be too great a load, in which case a raft is brought into requisiwhich case a raft is brought into requisi tion if the current is not too swift. In the last event the landing is passed altogether and the freight discharged at the nearest available point; from here it is transferred

overland to its destination.

Some of the landings on the lower Mississippi have been closed altogether, and they are no longer on the map so far as river trade is concerned. One of these is Luna, Ark., a landing at a point a few

miles north of Greenville. STREAMS OUT OF THEIR BANKS. Culverts and Railroad Track Washed

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. bedaus, Mo. march 7.—the most severe rainstorm in recent years swept over this part of Central Missouri last night and this morning. Every stream in Pettis County overflowed its banks, flooding the lowlands, sweeping away many bridges and washing

The damage on public and private property can hardly be estimated, but it will reach into the thousands of dollars. Early

reach into the thousands of dollars. Early this morning the overflow from Fiat Creek inguired the pumping station of the waterworks company, putting out the fires under the bollers, cutting off temporarily the city's water supply, and the incandescent lights to that company's patrons.

The water subsided this afternoon, and the water service was resumed before the standpipes had been emptied.

Traffic on railroads centering at Sedalia was delayed all day by reason of soft tracks and weakened culverts, passenger trains being from one to three hours behind schedule time. The river route from Jefferson City is blocked by heavy landsides at different points. The southbound Sedalia. Warsaw and Southwesteri passenger train was unable to cross its Flat Creek bridge this morning on account of high water, and was compelied to return here. The train, however, departed at 3:30 shis afternoon to make an effort to reach Warsaw.

The Forest Park electric railway was badly damaged by the flood, one bridge being swept away, three culverts destroyed and 300 feet of track carried away.

Levees About Saton Rouge Need More Work to Make Them Safe.

BEPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Baton Rouge, La., March 7.—With two days' clear weather, rapid progress hawbeen made on the lever in front of this city, as well as the one at Conrads, six miles south of here. Without a few days' more good weather it is a question whether these new works will be able to withstand the great pressure which is to go against them.

There seems to be a great deal of anxiety felt for the safety of several important levees between here and New Orleans.

It seems that work in several of these levees has been retarded, owing to the almost continued rains since January. Developments of the next few days will be watched with the keenest interest.

The river is slowly but surely creeping up, the gauge now reading only about eight feet lower than that of 1897, the mark reached that year being the highest ever recorded. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

FRANCIS CHEERED AT PARIS; HURRIES ON TOWARD BERLIN.

Five Hundred of the Foremost Men of France Meet the St. Louis World's Fair President at 11 O'Clock Banquet Between Trains-Hearty Sentiments of Good-Will Between the Nation Expressed by the Speakers.

SPEECH IN FRENCH BY MR. FRANCIS EVOKES LOUD APPLAUSE.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS WILL HAVE BUSY DAY IN

BERLIN TO-MORROW, TO CLOSE HIS EUROPEAN TOUR. Berlin, March 7.—President Francis of the St. Louis World's Fair will have a cusy day Monday. He arrives here at 8, spends the morning in official calls and

Mr. Francis will lunch with Doctor Lewald, the German Commis Fair; will dine in the evening with Foreign Secretary Richthofen, who has invited a large company of representative business men to meet President Francis; will go to Bremen the same night, and will sail for New York Tuesday on the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, having during his sixteen days in Europe interviewed one President, two Kings and one Emperor, and traveled from Havre to London, thence to Paris and Madrid, and from there into the center of

tion of Franco-American cordiality took place at the banquet given at 11 o'clock this morning in the Hotel Continental to President Francis of the St. Louis World's Fair.

It was under the presidency of Minister of Commerce Trouillot and was attended by 500 of the foremost officials, including a reads:

Personal representative of President Loubet; "No practically the entire ministry and reprentative members of the Chamber of Deputies, judiciary and the army and navy. Mr. Francis arrived here from Madrid

late last night and owing to his intention to depart for Berlin at 1 o'clock the ban-quet was arranged for an unusually early hour. The corridors leading to the banquet hall were lined on either side by long lines of Republican Guards in brilliant uniforms,

with burnished helmets and flowing red On the upper landing was stationed the famous band of the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment of Infantry, which played the "Marseillaise" as the distinguished officials assembled.

When President Francis appeared he was

enthusiastically greeted and the played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

. AT POST OF HONOR.

During a prolonged demonstration Mr. Francis was escorted to the post of honor, with Colonel Meaux St. Marc. of President Loubet's personal staff, at his right, and the Minister of Commerce at his left. The full capacity of the spacious banque The full capacity of the spacious banquet hall was taxed by the guests, who were scated at twelve long tables fianking the table occupied by the guest of honor.

Others who sat by Mr. Francis were Minister of Instruction Chaumie, Minister of Colonies Doumergue, Commander in Chief General Brugere, Minister of Public Works Marujoles; M. Derville, Director General of the Paris Exposition of 1900; former Ministers Krantx, Mesurcur, Domer, Boucher and Lebon; the Commissioner of Boucher and Lebon; the Commissioner of France to the St. Louis Exposition, M. Lagrave: the presidents of the leading commercial, industrial and financial organizations of the tountry and representatives of the United States Embassy, and Consul General Gowdy. Seldom had such a notable gathering of officials and representative men been seen here.

DECORATIONS SIGNIFICANT. The decorations of the hall were signifi-cant of Franco-American fraternity, the central piece being a sunburst of tricolors and stars and stripes. On the artistic menu card was an engraving typifying American energy and the card was embellished and entwined with the flags of France and the

energy and the card was embellished and entwined with the flags of France and the United States.

After an elaborate meal speeches of welcome were made by M. Ancelot, president of the French Foreign Expositions Commission and the Minister of Commerce. M. Ancelot closed his remarks with presenting to Mr. Francis a superb miniature painting representative of French art.

The Minister of Commerce in behalf of President Loubet and the Ministry presented to Mr. Francis a magnificent Sevres wase, and to Mrs. Francis he presented an exquisite fan or ivory, lace and silk.

Mr. Francis made a feeling response, saying he recognized that his reception was chiefly a tribute to cordiality of French sentiment toward the sister R public.

He closed with a speech in French, which evoked great apparuss.

The banquet was ended with the playing of "The Star Spangled isanner," and amid a scene of much enthusiasm Mr. Francis hurried away to catch the train for Berlin.

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At the banquet an autograph letter from President Loubet was read designating.

RECEPTION AT PARIS

WAS GREAT OVATION. A cablegram last night from Liege,
 Belgium, through which President
 Francis passed, en route to Berlin,

 scription of French reception, nor
 words averaged. words express the warmth of wel-

Colonel Meaux Saint Marc to be present in his behalf and expressing the heartlest sen-timents towards Mr. Francis and the St.

timents towards Mr. Francis and the St.
Louis World's Fair.
In the course of M. Trouillot's speech he
said France and the United States were
bound together by the bonds of historical
association, commercial life and similarity
of political institutions. These were bonds
of the heart as well as of interest.
Moreover, he added, France recognized
that the time had come when she would
give a fitting recognition and return for
the magnificent part the United States had
taken in the exposition of 1900. His toast,
"To the United States and France, the Two
First Republics on Earth," was drunk stand-

First Republics on Earth," was drunk stand-ing and amid cheers and the waving of M. Troillet devoted considerable attention

M. Troillet devoted considerable attention to the growth of commerce between France and America, saying in part:
"Not only are the two countries bound together with the ties which were formed during the Revolutionary struggle by Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau, but they are bound also by the strong ties of commercial relations. COMMERCE GROWS.

"Day by day, the movements of exchange between France and the United States are becoming greater in spite of all the bar-riers placed in the way. We see with satisfaction that our exports to the United States have increased daily. They were 512,-000,000 frames in 1894, and 765,000,000 frames in 1900.
"It is the quality, however, rather than the quantity of our exports, which gives France the first place among the nations of Europe in their relations with the United

States. There is a vast difference between exporting millions of crude products and exporting millions of finished products and luxuries. As an exporter of articles of the